Construction of road gauge line from Macherla to Raichur

3735. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the construction of a Broad Gauge railway line from Macherla to Raichur; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to undertake as a first step construction of Broad Gauge line from Gadwal to Raichur which is less than 30 Kms. and would link this large area with Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Survey to determine financial implications of a new B.G. line from Macherla to Raichur via Gadwal has been taken up. Further action will be considered on completion of survey.

Targets of family planning by the end of the century

3736. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targetted goals to e achieved in the Family Planning Programme by the end of this century; and

(b) what new steps Government proposes to take to achieve these goals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The goals for the year 2000 AD as enshrined in the National Health Policy in respect of Family Planning Programme are as follows:

(i) Net Reproduction Rate—1.

(ii) Effective Couple Protection Rate—60 per cent.

(iii) Birth—21 per thousand population.

(iv) Family size—2.3.

(b) Main steps to achieve goals set under the Family Welfare Programme are: increasing demand for contraception through improved communication approaches; expanding and improving the quality of out-reach services; promoting greater community participation through the involvement of voluntary organisations; intensifying population education; enhancing child survival prospects, improving programme management; raising the status of fomen and establishing intersectoral linkages for promoting family planning.

Availability of leprosy and tuberculosis etc. under National Health Programme

3737. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of availability of essential drugs for the National Programme to control leprosy, tuberculosis etc.; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that there is no short-fall in the supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) All essential drugs for the National Programmes to control leprosy and tuberculosis are available.

(b) Does not arise.

Low rent for anganbadi unit in Delhi

3738. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government pay rent @ Rs. 120 per month for the accommodation/room hired for the Anganbadi unit in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is justified in comparison to other buildings hired for Governments purposes; and

(c) whether Government propose to enhance the rent money for the Anganbadi accommodation and if so, by when it is likely to be implemened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The anganwadi is the focal point for delivery of services of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. Efforts are made to persuade the local community to provide accommodation for the anganwadi centre, free of cost. Wherever such accommodation is not available free, accommodation is taken on rent.

The question of revision of rent is, however, under consideration of the Government. It can not, at present, be indicated by which time a decision in this regard may be taken.

Special Cell in Railways for Reserved Vacancies of Scheduled Castes and Schedued Tribes

3739. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special cell (section) for ensuring due compliance of Government orders and instructions for reservation of vacancies in terms of SC|ST and other benefits admissible to them is functioning in the department of Railways;

(b) if so, what is the total number of employees in the Department and staff strength of SC cell exclusively for the work relating to this cell and the staff nominated to perform this work in addition to their normal duties, if any, indicating (level) designation and pay scale of the officer| officials attached to this cell; and

(c) whether the Administrative Officers who are responsible for submission of proposal for dereservation of vacancies reserved for SC|ST are also nominated as liaison officer to accord approval for dereservation proposal by themselves, if not what is the position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of employees in the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) is 2886.

The strength of the Officers and staff of the Reservation Cell in the Ministry of Railways is as under:

1.	Executive Director. Estt. (RES) (Rs. 5900-6700 (RPS)	One
2.	Jt. Director. Esstt. (R) (Rs. 3700-5000 (RPS)	Two
3.	Dy. Director. Estt. (SCT) (Rs. 3000-4500 (RPS)	One
4.	OSD/Railway Board (Rs. 3000-4500 (RPS)	One
5.	Section Officers (Rs. 2000-3500(RPS)	Two
6.	Inspector (Reservation) Rs. 2000-3200(RPS)	Two